

FRENCH FARMS and PURINA'S ULTIMATE EXT



French Farms located in Chemung N.Y., operated by brothers Dudley and Marshall, started using Purina's Ultimate EXT 36% in January 1993. They feed corn silage and haylage as forages, with High Moisture Shell Corn and Purina's Ultimate EXT 36% as the grain sources in a Total Mixed Ration. The herd is divided into a high group balanced at 80 pounds of milk and a low group balanced at 60 pounds of milk. Since February 1993 the low group has been milked twice a day and the high group three times a day.

SAMPLE							
DAY	<u>RHA</u>	# COWS	% MILK	# 3x	<u>DIM</u>	# MILK	# FAT
5/04/93	23656	139	89	74	179	77	
4/06/93	23492	140	91	73	172	76	830
3/03/93	23272	139	91	69	159	74	826
2/03/93	23097	140	90	85	160	77	808
12/21/92	22743	136	85	100	153	69	818
4/09/92	22221	125	90	100	169	72	787

Some observations and remarks made by Dudley and Marshall:

"The cows have been able to produce more and still maintain a better body condition."

"The cows show heat better and are settling quicker."

"Production has increased and butterfat has not dropped."

"The cows feet appear to be in better condition with less problems."

"Even with poorer forages the cows are producing better."

Purina Mills thanks Dudley and Marshall French for their business and allowing us to use their data for this article.



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